

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Takafumi ATARASHI, et al.

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For: CONSOLIDATED MATERIAL OF COATED POWDERS AND PROCESS FOR
PRODUCING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, and following entry of the Amendment under 37
C.F.R. § 1.116, filed April 27, 2001, but unentered in the prior application, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Twice Amended) A consolidated material of coated powders each comprising a base
particle having thereon a coating film having a uniform thickness of 0.01 to 20 μm , wherein the
coated powders are mutually adhered at the coating film, the base particle comprises a glass, a
metal, or a metal oxide, and the coating film is a metal film or a metal oxide film, wherein the
coated powders constituting the consolidated material are arranged at the same distance from one
another in a given direction and are united into said consolidated material while maintaining the
same distance in a given direction.

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